

**California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region**

**Executive Officer's Report
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The Regional Board has moved to Downtown Los Angeles.

Effective March 15, 1999, our offices have moved from 101 Centre Plaza Drive, Monterey Park to 320 West 4th Street, Suite 200, Los Angeles 90013. Our main phone number is (213) 576-6600, and our fax number is (213) 576-6640.

Governor Davis Appoints Regional Board Member

On March 30th, Governor Gray Davis announced the appointment of Francine B. Diamond as a member of the Los Angeles Regional Board. Ms. Diamond has been the principal partner in Media Partners, a communications consulting firm, since 1994.

In 1992, Ms. Diamond founded the Los Angeles Resource Connection, an organization-linking social and health services with low-income students and families in inner city schools to increase educational opportunities. Ms. Diamond has also served then State Controller Gray Davis as special assistant for environmental issues from 1990 to 1993. She also taught special education classes in Los Angeles area schools for three years.

Ms. Diamond has been a member of the Executive Board of the California League of Conservation Voters since 1990 and also served as Vice-Chair of the Los Angeles County Beach Advisory Commission for six years. Diamond earned a bachelors of Arts degree from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Promotions and Reassignments

Jon Bishop, formerly the unit chief of the standards and TMDL unit, has been promoted to the position of Section Chief. Jon was initially selected to lead the Contaminant Remediation Section, however, a change in assignment has been made to allow Jon to continue in the chain of command over TMDLs, reflecting his accomplishments and progress in getting the Region's TMDL program off to a running start.

Effective April 1st, Jon assumed responsibility for the Regional Programs Section within the Regional Board. Jon assumes this role as Wendy Phillips, the former Chief of this Section has moved to the Groundwater Division as Chief of the renamed Enforcement and Remediation Section.

The Regional Programs Section now contains the Standards and TMDL unit, the Information Management unit, and the Non-Point Source unit. Jon Bishop now reports to Deborah Smith, Assistant Executive Officer for Surface Water.

The Enforcement and Remediation Section now includes the Enforcement unit, the Site Cleanup unit, the Landfills unit, and the San Gabriel and San Fernando Cleanup unit. Wendy Phillips now reports to Jim Kuykendall, Assistant Executive Officer for Groundwater.

New Chief of the Non-Point Source Unit Joins the Regional Board

We are pleased to welcome Raymond Jay to Region 4. Raymond will serve as the Chief of our new NPS Unit, where he will lead efforts to continue building our Industrial SW Program and the 401 Cert Program. The NPS Unit also has important responsibilities to coordinate NPS grant funding in R4, and to help support TMDL assessment and implementation.

Raymond is a fisheries biologist who is transferring here from the State Board, where he worked on controversial Bay/Delta issues--specifically, analyzing fisheries and other biological, hydrological, and engineering data to help formulate solutions to water supply and quality problems in the Bay/Delta. In this capacity, he has participated in negotiations and successfully interacted with a wide array of stakeholders during public hearings.

A. SURFACE WATER UPDATES

MUN Dedications

On November 2, 1998, the Regional Board voted to amend the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan), by adopting a resolution to "Incorporate Changes in Beneficial Use Designations for Selected Waters." This amendment removes the beneficial use designation for "Municipal and Domestic Supply" (MUN) from 8 coastal surface waters and 2 ground water areas along the coast. At a public hearing on February 18, 1999, the State Board voted to approve this amendment. Before becoming effective, the amendment needs to be approved by the Office of Administrative Law and the US EPA. The Office of Administrative Law should complete review of the amendment by May.

Executive Officer Approves IC/ID Model Program

On March 23rd, the Executive Officer approved the last remaining model program implementing the Los Angeles Municipal Stormwater and Urban Runoff NPDES Permit issued in 1996. This follows the approval of the Development planning and Development Construction model programs on February 11, 1999. With the approval of the Illicit Connection/Illegal Discharge model program, all of the required model programs have now been approved and are to be implemented by the permitted entities within the County of Los Angeles not later than July 30, 1999.

Compliance Update

An important requirement under the General Permit for the Industrial Storm Water Program is annual reporting, including storm water monitoring at least twice a year. Monitoring efforts should include visual observations of storm water discharges, and collection and analyses of samples of storm water discharges. Based on a review of annual report submittals, about 30% of Industrial Storm Water permittees failed to collect these required samples for the 1997/98 wet season. Accordingly, these facilities were sent Notices to Comply (Level 1 enforcement letters) in January.

Results of the permittees' monitoring efforts must be recorded on standard annual report forms, and

submitted to Regional Boards by July 1 of each year. The compliance rate for 1998/99 annual reports has improved to 92% by February 1, 1999, which is the highest since inception of the program five years ago (when only about 50% of facilities complied with annual reporting requirements). For the 200 facilities that remain in violation of annual reporting requirements, Regional Board staff have started issuing Administrative Civil Liabilities (ACLs), 10 of which were issued in December (and reissued in recent months due to postponed Board meetings). Since issuance, four of the ACLs have been resolved and initiated penalty payments. The remaining 6 ACL recipients may contest the ACLs before the Board at its next meeting on April 22, 1999.

State Revolving Fund 1999/2000 Priority List

The State Revolving Fund (SRF) is a low interest loan program designed to fund the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment and water reclamation facilities; projects to mitigate pollution from non-point sources; and projects to enhance estuarine habitats. On April 1, 1999, the Executive Officer submitted Region 4's SRF Priority List to the State Board for the SRF Revolving Fund, which ranked projects, based on public health and water quality criteria. This new list, for fiscal year 1999/00, has 36 projects, most of which are wastewater treatment plant upgrades. The State Board will fund these projects based on the Regional Board's rankings as well as the applicants' readiness to proceed. For more information, please contact Bryan Schweickert at (213) 576-6786.

Harbor Water Recycling Project

The City of Los Angeles operates the Terminal Island Treatment Plant, which treats an average of 17 million gallons per day of wastewater prior to discharging the water into the Los Angeles Harbor. In October 1994, the Board adopted Resolution No. 94-009, which approved the implementation of water reclamation as a means to phase out discharge into the Los Angeles Harbor. The City of Los Angeles has proposed to begin water recycling through the Harbor Water Recycling Project.

The project will include construction of a five million gallon per day advanced wastewater treatment facility and a pump station at the location of the treatment plant, and a pipeline to deliver the recycled water to the Dominguez Gap Barrier for groundwater recharge by direct injection. Board staff attended the public hearing on the proposed project conducted by Department of Health Service on March 30, 1999.

B. TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDL) UPDATES

On March 22, 1999, the District court approved the Consent Decree between Heal the Bay and Santa Monica Baykeeper and US EPA concerning the development of Total Daily Maximum Loads (TMDL) in the Los Angeles Region. The Consent Decree requires the Regional Board, to develop 94 TMDLs within the next 13 years. The agreement identifies specific TMDLs for the first seven years and a minimum pace for TMDL development for each of the next 13 years.

Prior to the approval of the Consent Decree, the California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) and Southern California Alliance of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (SCAP) agreed to withdraw their motion to intervene in the Consent Decree in exchange for US EPA, Region IX developing guidance for the development of TMDLs. For more information on TMDLs in the Los Angeles Region please call Jonathan Bishop at (213) 576-6622 or e-mail jbishop@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov.

Santa Clara River - Chloride TMDL Workshop

In January 1997, the Regional Board adopted a Chloride Policy (Resolution No. 97-02: Amendment to the California Regional Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region, to incorporate a Policy for Addressing Levels of Chloride in Discharges of Wastewaters). This policy, in part, directs

staff to work with concerned parties to consider revision of chloride objectives and/or wasteload allocations to ensure that all beneficial uses are adequately protected.

On April 7, 1999, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at Ventura County Administration Building, 3rd Floor Multi-Purpose Room, 800 South Victoria Blvd., Ventura, Regional Board staff conducted a workshop (their second such workshop), to discuss appropriate chloride objectives for the upper Santa Clara River and to present the basic elements of a TMDL plan for the Santa Clara River. Board staff Jonathon Bishop and Elizabeth Erickson presented possible implementation strategies, including changing the method of National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit compliance for Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs), loosening basin plan objectives while following state anti-degradation guidelines, and setting up an agricultural oversight committee to provide information on irrigation Best Management Practices (BMPs). This committee will assist growers in implementing BMP's, to report on water-use by growers and the chloride concentrations of the water, and to provide input to the Regional Board on compliance issues. Please call Jon Bishop at (213) 576-6681 or Elizabeth Erickson at (213) 576-6683 should you have any questions.

Calleguas Creek - Chloride TMDL Workshop

On April 9, 1999, Regional Board staff Jonathon Bishop and Elizabeth Erickson presented preliminary descriptions of chloride impairment for reaches within the Calleguas watershed. Participants were provided with a watershed-modeling tool for use in exploring potential mitigation strategies. Preliminary results of staff work are that surface and groundwater intermingle and both must be protected to ensure agricultural beneficial use and that chloride loading is most extreme in Arroyo Los Posas and Arroyo Simi. The advantages and limitations of a brine-line project were also discussed. Please call Jon Bishop at (213) 576-6681 or Elizabeth Erickson at (213) 576-6683 should you have any questions.

C. ENFORCEMENT

Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) Order Issued to City of Malibu

At its December 14, 1998 meeting, the Regional Board adopted a resolution directing the Executive Officer to issue a Complaint for Administrative Civil Liability (ACL) to the City of Malibu for their failure to respond in a timely manner to the Section 13267 directive issued by the Executive Officer. This require that a workplan be submitted to investigate the effects of suspected contamination from septic systems in the City of Malibu. Despite an extension of time granted to the City, a workplan was not submitted by the required deadline of September 30, 1998.

Subsequent to the Board's adoption of a resolution regarding this matter in December, the City submitted a workplan in early February 1999. Regional Board staff have since met with the City to discuss the details of the workplan. The ACL was issued to cover the four month period of time during which the workplan was not submitted to the Regional Board. A penalty of \$5,700 was assessed, of which \$3,000 may be directed toward a Supplemental Environmental Project or SEP that the City may propose for Regional Board adoption.

D. GROUNDWATER UPDATES

Oxnard Forebay: Proposed Septic Prohibition

In response to Resolution No. 98-022, Regional Board staff will issue the Draft Staff Report for the Oxnard Forebay septic system prohibition for public comment on April 30, 1999. Public workshops for the septic system prohibition will be held May 13, 1999, and May 24, 1999, in Ventura County. Staff anticipates that written comments will be required no later than May 28, 1999, and the final prohibition proposal presented to the Board for their consideration in July 1999.

Jefferson New Middle School - Los Angeles

A final Phase I-A and a draft Phase I-B supplemental investigation and assessment report, a draft Phase I-C soil vapor extraction system evaluation report, and a first quarter 1999 groundwater monitoring and sampling report have been completed by the school district's consultant and submitted to the appropriate agencies for review and comment. As requested by Assemblyman Scott Wildman, Regional Board staff submitted the third in a series of quarterly reports describing the progress of remediation at Jefferson Middle School.

Suva Schools - Bell Gardens

Regional Board staff (staff) attended a workshop on Saturday, March 13, 1999, at Suva Elementary School in the City of Bell Gardens. At that workshop staff presented the results of this Regional Board's drinking water sampling at Suva Schools and surface soil sampling at neighboring facilities. Other agencies attending the workshop included the Department of Toxic Substances Control, Air Resources Board, South Coast Air Quality Management District, Department of Health Services (Drinking Water Field Operations Branch and Environmental Health Investigations Branch), Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program) and the Montebello Unified School District.

San Fernando Groundwater Basin: The Pollock Wells Treatment Plant

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (DWP) recently put into service their Pollock Wells Treatment Plant. The Pollock Wells have been contaminated by chlorinated compounds (primarily, TCE and PCE) found in the groundwater of the San Fernando Valley. The treatment facility consists of granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment to remove TCE and PCE, chlorination facilities, and pumping facilities to provide up to 3,000 gallons-per-minute (gpm) of high-quality water supply for DWP water customers.

Under a Cooperative Agreement with the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Regional Board has identified and cleaned up contaminated sites in San Fernando Valley. Although the Regional Board's cleanup program in San Fernando Valley is near completion, staff will continue to oversee on-going cleanups so that threats to drinking water wells will be eliminated.

Azusa Landfill

Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) has submitted a partial/final closure plan for the Azusa Landfill on December 11, 1998. This plan was for the closure of the 80-acre unlined portion of the landfill. Board staff concurrently reviewed the plan with the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, which is the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for the Integrated Waste Management Board and has joint review authority of closure plans.

Based on comments received from the LEA, Board staff informed BFI on January 11, 1999, that the closure plan was incomplete. Staff met with representatives of BFI and the LEA on March 23, 1999, to discuss a revised plan and notified BFI that the current plan was still incomplete as it did not address final closure of the northern slope of the top deck adjacent to the 22-acre area currently receiving inert waste.

Sunshine Canyon Landfill

On February 9, 1999, the Executive Officer visited the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. During the visit the Executive Officer toured the landfill and BFI briefed the Regional Board staff on their future plans for

the landfill which include expanding the area currently operating in Los Angeles County to join with the inactive landfill located in the City of Los Angeles.

Charnock Sub-basin MTBE Investigation Area

The activities within the Charnock Sub-basin Investigation Area have entered Phase II Enforcement activities. The Potential Responsible Parties (PRP's) selected a single group (Shell/Chevron/Exxon Group) to negotiate with the Agencies on October 2, 1998. The PRP group responded to the Agencies on November 20, 1998, with a redline version of the Draft Consent Decree and Scope of Work provided to all PRP's on July 20, 1998. The agencies are currently evaluating potential changes and or modifications to the Draft Consent Decree and Scope of Work.

At present there are 27 active sites in the Charnock Sub-Basin Investigation Area. These include 25 gasoline tank sites and 2 gasoline product pipelines that traverse the Charnock Sub-basin. Of the 25 tank sites, site assessment has been completed at 16 sites, whereas at the remaining 9 sites supplemental site assessment activities are either underway or planned to be performed in the near future. Quarterly groundwater monitoring is being performed at all sites, with technical monitoring reports reviewed and commented upon by the agencies. Three sites have submitted onsite and/or offsite cleanup plans. One cleanup plan has been approved and the two remaining cleanup plans will be approved within the next month.

An NPDES permit application has been submitted by one site for the discharge of treated groundwater to the storm drain, and is expected for the other two sites implementing cleanup plans. Review of the permit application will be performed after the remedial action plan is approved. It is expected to be presented to the Board during the June 1999, Board meeting. During the past month one site was issued a no further action letter.

Extensive soil gas and soil sampling work was implemented to complete assessment activities along the Equilon Pipeline (formerly Shell Oil Company). A workplan to complete similar soil gas and soil sampling assessment work was approved for the Chevron Pipeline on January 8, 1998, and is planned to commence during April 1999.

Arcadia Wellfield MTBE Investigation

The shallow aquifer in the vicinity of the former Mobil Station 18-LDM has been undergoing active cleanup using a low flow pump, treat, and discharge system. The treatment system is capable of pumping 35 gallon per minutes (GPM) of extracted groundwater. Currently, up to 14 GPM of groundwater are being pumped from 12 shallow groundwater extraction/monitoring wells. To date, the shallow groundwater recovery and treatment system has removed an estimated 45 pounds of TPH and 125 pounds of MTBE. Residual soil contamination remaining in the vadose zone will be further treated with a vapor extraction system (VES), installed during February 1999. A Production Aquifer Remediation System (PARS) using activated carbon filtration to clean up the production aquifer has been designed and submitted for agencies' review. Mobil is in the process of applying for permits from local agencies. Construction of the PARS is expected to be completed during April 1999. The PARS will be pilot tested and may become fully operational by late May to June 1999. Mobil has applied to this Regional Board for a NPDES permit to discharge treated groundwater to the storm drain during the pilot testing period. The NPDES Permit will be brought to the Board for a public hearing during May 1999.

Completion of Corrective Action at Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Sites

Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and groundwater contamination problems from leaking UST's for the time of February 18, 1999, through March 31, 1999, and determined that no further corrective actions are required:

Former ARCO Service Station No. 71192, Monterey Park (I-07398)
Lennox Car Wash, Lennox (I-05677)
Petro Center, Rosemead (R-22533)
Anderson Plywood Sales, Culver City (R-13223)
Warner Hollywood Studios, West Hollywood (900460070)
Former Standard Oil Company Service Station, Covina (R-26898)
Handy J Car Wash, Culver City (I-07004)
Former Unocal Service Station No. 2121, Harbor City (907100061)
Former Hartley & Nixon Rentals Facility, Long Beach (908130198)

E. COASTAL WATERS/ WATERSHEDS UPDATES

Calleguas Creek Watershed

The Water Quality/Water Resources Subcommittee met on February 5. The Subcommittee is currently in the process of drafting a Water Resources/Water Quality Chapter in the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan. Subcommittee members have developed a list of their goals and objectives for water quality and water resources and are working to clarify participants' goals and objectives, identify possible solutions to problems, pinpoint concrete actions which will be taken to address the problems, filter out long-term from short-term goals, and reach agreement on what issues to deal with first.

Agricultural best management practices (BMPs) and concerns over use of household water softeners and their contributions of chlorides to treatment plants are two early action items that have been identified. The committee will meet next on April 9. The agenda includes a presentation by Regional Board staff on an early draft of a chloride TMDL for the watershed.

The Flood Protection/Sedimentation Subcommittee last met on March 8 and discussed the cost of conducting a hydrologic study of the watershed and the need for historic photographs to evaluate changes in sedimentation over time.

The Public Education/Outreach Subcommittee has completed the first edition of a newsletter to cover watershed issues and events. It will eventually have its own website with links to other web pages. The group is currently organizing a state of the watershed conference that will be held at the new California State University Channel Islands campus. This group last met on February 12.

The Habitat/Recreation Subcommittee met on March 9 and continues work on a wetlands study which includes a habitat mapping component. Its next meeting is scheduled for April 20.

The Steering Committee for the Watershed Management Plan met on March 19 and held a workshop on its expectations/products for 1999. A draft Table of Contents for the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan being developed was distributed. The committee continued a discussion on expectations for 1999 at its April 9th meeting.

The full Management committee met on February 10. The watershed effort will be receiving \$200,000 in grant funding from Congress. Each subcommittee presented information on their most recent activities. Information about the management committee and its subcommittees can be found at <www.calleguas.com>.

The Surface Water Element of the Calleguas Creek Characterization Study Monitoring Program continues. Samples are collected on the first Wednesday of each month. Eight sampling events have thus far been completed.

Los Angeles River Watershed

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The most recent meetings were held on February 17 and March 17. The February 17 meeting included a workshop conducted jointly by staff from the Regional Board, US Forest Service, and Los Angeles Department of Public Works on the draft trash TMDL for the East Fork of the San Gabriel River as well as on potential implementation strategies. The March 17 meeting included an item on coordinating funding options on a countywide basis. The Friends of the LA River now has a Los Angeles River e-mail discussion forum. To subscribe, e-mail to <la-river-discuss-subscribe@makelist.com>. The Council will next meet on April 21.

Santa Monica Bay Watershed

The Modeling and Monitoring Subcommittee of the Malibu Creek Watershed Advisory Council has drafted a watershed-wide monitoring program for the Malibu Creek Watershed. The group last met on March 8; a draft monitoring program will be distributed to stakeholders shortly for comment. Another meeting is scheduled for May 6. A major task soon will be finding partners to participate in this voluntary program to assess and help correct the water quality concerns in this area.

A meeting of the Malibu Creek Watershed Council and Malibu Lagoon Task Force was held on February 16. The Task Force is concerned with lagoon breaching, the septic tracer study, and all aspects of the UCLA study of the lagoon. The Watershed Council meeting included a discussion of the UCLA study's findings. The study covers a hydrologic evaluation, appropriateness of various biological and water quality objectives, water level management, eutrophication issues, pathogens, and the historical condition of the lagoon. The study was funded by a California Coastal Conservancy grant with assistance by local agencies. Regional Board staff are currently reviewing a copy of the report.

A watershed committee has been meeting in the Topanga Creek Watershed. The most recent meetings were held on February 26 and March 20. A major near-term goal is to prioritize potential actions previously identified in a draft Topanga Creek Watershed Management Study and start a coordinated resource management planning (CRMP) process. A longer-term goal is preparation of a watershed management plan that will help address a number of issues including flood control in the canyon. The committee will meet next on April 17 to conduct a short workshop on water quality issues in the Topanga Watershed and Santa Monica Bay. The committee's website address is <www.TopangaOnline.com/twc/>.

Watershed Management Initiative Chapter

Each Regional Board has completed the process of producing a "chapter" on how that Board is implementing watershed management in the Region. The consolidated statewide chapter will become the basis for funding decisions including allocating funding for monitoring, TMDL development, and grant disbursement. Copies of this Region's chapter may be obtained by contacting the Regional Board office, Regional Programs Section secretary. The next update of this Chapter has been rescheduled for the end of April 1999.

319(h)/205(j) Request for Proposals

The Request for Proposals (RFP) packets for 319(h)/205(j) grant funds have been mailed by the State Water Resources Control Board to those on the current mailing list. Application forms may also be obtained on the State Board website. Proposals must be postmarked no later than June 11, 1999. General procedural information on applying for the funds may be obtained by contacting Shirley Birosik, Watershed Coordinator, at the Regional Board. She may be contacted by phone at (213)576-6679 or by E-mail at sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov.

F. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Industrial Storm Water Program

Wendy Phillips, Cathy Chang, and Dan Radulescu made a presentation to a joint meeting of the Auto Dismantlers Association of Southern California Auto Dismantlers and Valley Auto Dismantlers and Recyclers Association on March 17, 1999. These industry trade association groups meet quarterly to discuss and exchange information and issues of interest to auto dismantlers. The Regional Board's presentation focused on compliance problems with requirements of the Industrial Storm Water Program; in particular, the preliminary findings of Cathy Chang's special assessment of the effectiveness of SWPPPs (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans) in the auto dismantling industry. Approximately 40 Southern California auto dismantlers and several consultants attended the meeting and provided useful feedback and asked questions regarding ways to improve the effectiveness of SWPPPs.

Perchlorate Conference

The East Valley Water District organized a Perchlorate Conference from March 18 to 19, 1999 in Ontario, California. Regional Board staff, Ejigu Solomon moderated a session on behalf of Jim Kuykendall who was unable to attend. The session, "Case Perspectives" included presentations from the Association of California Water Agencies, an Industry perspective, and impacts of perchlorate on Indian Lands.

Perchlorate is one of the newly discovered (emergent) chemicals that is a threat to human health and found in the San Gabriel Groundwater Basin. Because of its recent discovery, a groundwater cleanup system targeting volatile organics at the Baldwin Park Operable Unit has been delayed in order to integrate the cleanup of perchlorate and other emergent chemicals. The La Puente County Water District, which lost all its wells due to perchlorate and other contaminants, is set to start an integrated treatment system - air stripping for volatile organics, ion-exchange for perchlorate, and UV-Oxidation for N-nitrodimethylamine.

During the session, Regional Board staff introduced the biographies of the presenters, and hosted a question and answer session at the end. There were approximately 150 attendees in this particular session, and about 350 people attended the Conference whose main theme was the discussion of the chemical nature of perchlorate, its toxicity, and treatment methods.

Annual Coast Conference on Contaminated Soils and Water

Regional Board staff, Dr. Yue Rong, was invited as a platform speaker in the 9th Annual West Coast Conference on Contaminated Soils and Water, sponsored by the Association of Environmental Health for Soils (AEHS). His speech was entitled "A Study of Groundwater Plume Length of MTBE in Los Angeles, California." The speech was involved in timely issues on MTBE and well received by the attendees, which consisted of environmental professionals from regulatory, water supply, environmental consulting, manufacturing industry, academic/research, and legal sectors. In addition, Dr. Yue Rong also offered a workshop jointly with the USEPA on using models and uncertainty analysis to support regulatory decision making at the conference.

G. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Personnel Report

As of March 31, 1999 our staff total was 101 - 82 technical staff (including 4 part-time technical staff), 5 permanent administrative support staff and 14 permanent clerical staff. There is one staff

member currently using up leave credits before retiring from this Region.

Staff is currently taking steps to fill 1 Unit Chief position and 6 technical positions. The following appointments were made: 2 Associate Engineering Geologists, 2 Water Resource Control Engineers, 1 Senior Engineering Geologist. 1 Environmental Specialist III transferred, 1 Sanitary Engineering Associate and 1 Environmental Program Manager II separated.

Other Promotions

Hugh Marley, Chief, Enforcement/Special Projects Unit
Raymond Jay, Chief, Nonpoint Source Unit
Elizabeth Erickson, Associate Engineering Geologist, Standards/TMDL Unit

Freedom of Information Act and Public Records Act Requests.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and Public Record Act (PRA) requests to review or copy public documents are a very important part of the work at the Regional Board. The FOIA and PRA cover most of the documents at the Regional Board. The State legislature adopted statutory language requiring that these requests be tracked by the Regional Boards. The FOIA and PRA require agencies to provide a response on the availability of the requested document within 10 working days (FOIA) or 10 calendar days (PRA) of receiving the request. The Regional Board has a procedure to respond to, and a database to track, these requests.

During the month of February, 1999, 16 FOIA / PRA requests were received and processed. In all cases a response was provided within the mandated time frame.

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H. ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS - FEBRUARY, 1999

Formal Enforcement Actions

Cleanup and Abatement Order	1
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Administrative Enforcement Actions for Overdue / Incomplete Reports

Groundwater monitoring reports	6
Other technical reports	10
Site assessment plans	5
Site remedial action plans	1

Administrative Enforcement Actions for Stormwater Permits

Failed to submit storm water pollution prevention plan	7
Inadequate construction erosion control measures	1

Total Enforcement Actions for February	31
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SPILLS REPORTED DURING FEBRUARY, 1999

Chemical	16
Crude oil	4
Diesel	5
Gasoline	5
Miscellaneous petroleum products	9
Oil	3
Other	1
Sewage	5
Waste water	0
Vapors	17
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Total	65

SPILLS WHICH ENTERED WATERWAYS OR WATERS

Chemical	5
Crude oil	3
Diesel	3
Gasoline	0
Miscellaneous petroleum products	5
Oil	2
Other	1
Sewage	4
Waste water	0
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Total	23

SPILLS REPORTED DURING MARCH, 1999

Chemical	9
Crude oil	6
Diesel	17
Gasoline	3
Miscellaneous petroleum products	9
Oil	8
Other	4
Sewage	10
Waste water	1
Vapors	9
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Total	77

SPILLS WHICH ENTERED WATERWAYS OR WATERS

Chemical	4
Crude oil	4

Diesel	10
Gasoline	0
Miscellaneous petroleum products	3
Oil	5
Other	1
Sewage	10
Waste water	1
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Total	38